



**LGA Board of Directors Meeting**  
November 11, 2020, 5:00 PM, via Zoom

**Board Members Present** – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nicholas Deacon, Lee Frelich, Merry Keefe, Linda Luksan, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Maureen Meier, Margy Troje-Meade, John Van Heel

**Call to Order** – Nick called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

**Previous Meeting's Minutes** – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the September 2020 meeting be approved. Motion CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Q3 financial report was circulated on October 23 for board review and is saved in Dropbox.

**Holiday Lights** – Nick will contact Eufloria (if he doesn't hear from them first) regarding this year's seasonal tree lights, and he will inform the new Hyatt managers of the arrangement.

**Committee Reports**

*Fundraising* – Because we have raised ~\$44,000 so far this year, exceeding our year-to-date expenses by ~\$10,000, the committee recommends we do not send a second fundraising letter this year. We will, however, send an email to our subscribers encouraging donations on Give to the Max Day (November 19).

*Gardening* – Despite the early snow and cold weather, all annuals have been removed and tools stored for the winter. 55 people were involved in the Adopt-a-Garden program this year, which was a big help given the curtailed group gardening days. The next committee meeting is the end of February. Board members who are not on the committee are encouraged to send their gardening ideas to Mary. The Asian jumping worm infestation has spread throughout the shaded and mulched areas of the Loring Greenway. The worms turn the top two inches of soil to coffee-grounds-like pellets that erode easily. Lee is monitoring a number of research efforts and hopes to identify experimental control measures that we can employ on the Loring Greenway next year. The hoop fencing near Loring Green West (LGW) will be stored by the playground pergola for the winter.

*Infrastructure* – Priorities were discussed with Public Works staff in the October walk-through. Over the summer, painting of fences and trash cans was completed, but no masonry work was done. The repair to a leak in the fountain is slated for spring 2021. The Public Works Department faces potential budget cuts that could affect Mark Clark's hours on the Loring Greenway. John will draft and Nick will send a letter on behalf of the LGA summarizing all the ways Mark contributes to the upkeep and safety along the Loring Greenway and how a loss of his time would be detrimental. The accessible route signs were vandalized, and a more permanent installation will be pursued. Public Works is supportive of piloting pavement signage for bicycle and scooter traffic in an attempt to improve safety.

**Tables and Chairs** – Thanks to Fred Aden and Hal Chader at LGW for their help in storing the bistro furniture on the LGW patio for the winter. Total count on the three racks is now 16 tables and 54 chairs, which is a loss of three tables and four chairs over the past year.

**Board Recruitment** – Thanks to Laura, John, Maureen, Richard and Merry for helping fill the slate of officers up for election at the January 2021 Annual Meeting:

John = President

Laura = Vice President

Richard = Treasurer

Maureen = Secretary

Up for re-election at the Annual Meeting are four at-large members of the board: Nick, Merry, Mary and John.

Recruiting efforts for building reps continues. The association presidents at LGW (Susan Nierengarten) and the Tower at 1200 on the Mall (John Berrigan) each agreed to run an announcement in their building newsletters to help publicize their openings.

**Partnership Agreement with City of Minneapolis** – All parties have signed. The new agreement has a more convenient expiration date of year-end (December 31, 2024) rather than mid-year. A copy has been saved to Dropbox.

**Other Business** – 1) The Hyatt Hotel’s new General Manager, John Yeadon, and Director of Sales and Events, Jack Hansen, have invited LGA board members to meet with them to review the history of the relationship between the Hyatt and the LGA. Nick is working on scheduling that meeting; John will join him. 2) Although we did not receive any comments or inquiries about not publishing one this year, there was discussion regarding resuming publication of an Annual Report next year, which historically has included a lengthy recap of each committee’s accomplishments and a list of donors and volunteers. Perhaps the IRS Form 990 is sufficient, given that our other communication vehicles (website, Facebook, newsletters and emails to our subscribers) convey updates regarding committee activities. Maureen volunteered to identify ways we might shorten the “fancy” document and streamline the process of writing and assembling its content, for further discussion at a future board meeting. 3) Committee chairs should draft their proposed 2021 budgets between now and the January meeting.

**Adjournment** – 6:16 PM

**Next Board Meeting** – Annual Meeting, Wednesday, January 13, 2020, at 5:00 PM via Zoom